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**HUNTINGTON WOMAN SENTENCED TO PRISON ON FEDERAL DRUG CHARGES**

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – Elizabeth Dawn Powers, 22, of Huntington was sentenced to 30 months in prison yesterday by United States District Judge Robert C. Chambers on federal drug charges. Powers pleaded guilty in October 2010 to distribution of a quantity of cocaine base, known as “crack.” Investigators working for the West Virginia State Police and the Cabell County Sheriff’s Office made several controlled purchases of cocaine base and oxycodone from the defendant over an extended period of time. On or about October 14, 2008 through October 29, 2008, Powers admitted to distributing a total of approximately 6.02 grams of cocaine base to an informant working with the West Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI). Powers also admitted to arranging a controlled purchase of three oxycodone pills to an informant on or about June 12, 2010 and sold two oxycodone tablets to an informant in exchange for \$90 on or about July 11, 2010. Following the controlled oxycodone transaction on July 11, 2010, police stopped the defendant’s vehicle and seized approximately \$4, 846 in cash. Among the \$4,846 was \$90 in cash used to make the controlled purchase just prior to the traffic stop.

The West Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation and the Cabell County Sheriff’s Office conducted the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Josh Hanks handled the prosecution.

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